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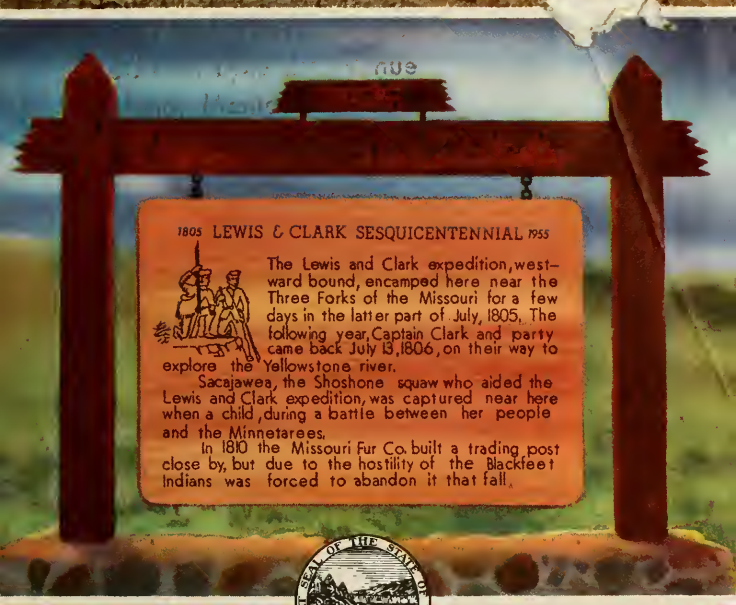
1805 LEWIS & CLARK SESQUICENTENNIAL 1955
The Lewis and Clark expedition, westward bound, encamped here near the Three Forks of the Missouri for a few days in the latter part of July, 1805. The following year, Captain Clark and party came back July 13, 1806, on their way to explore the Yellowstone river.
Sacajawea, the Shoshone squaw who aided the Lewis and Clark expedition, was captured near here when a child, during a battle between her people and the Minnetarees.
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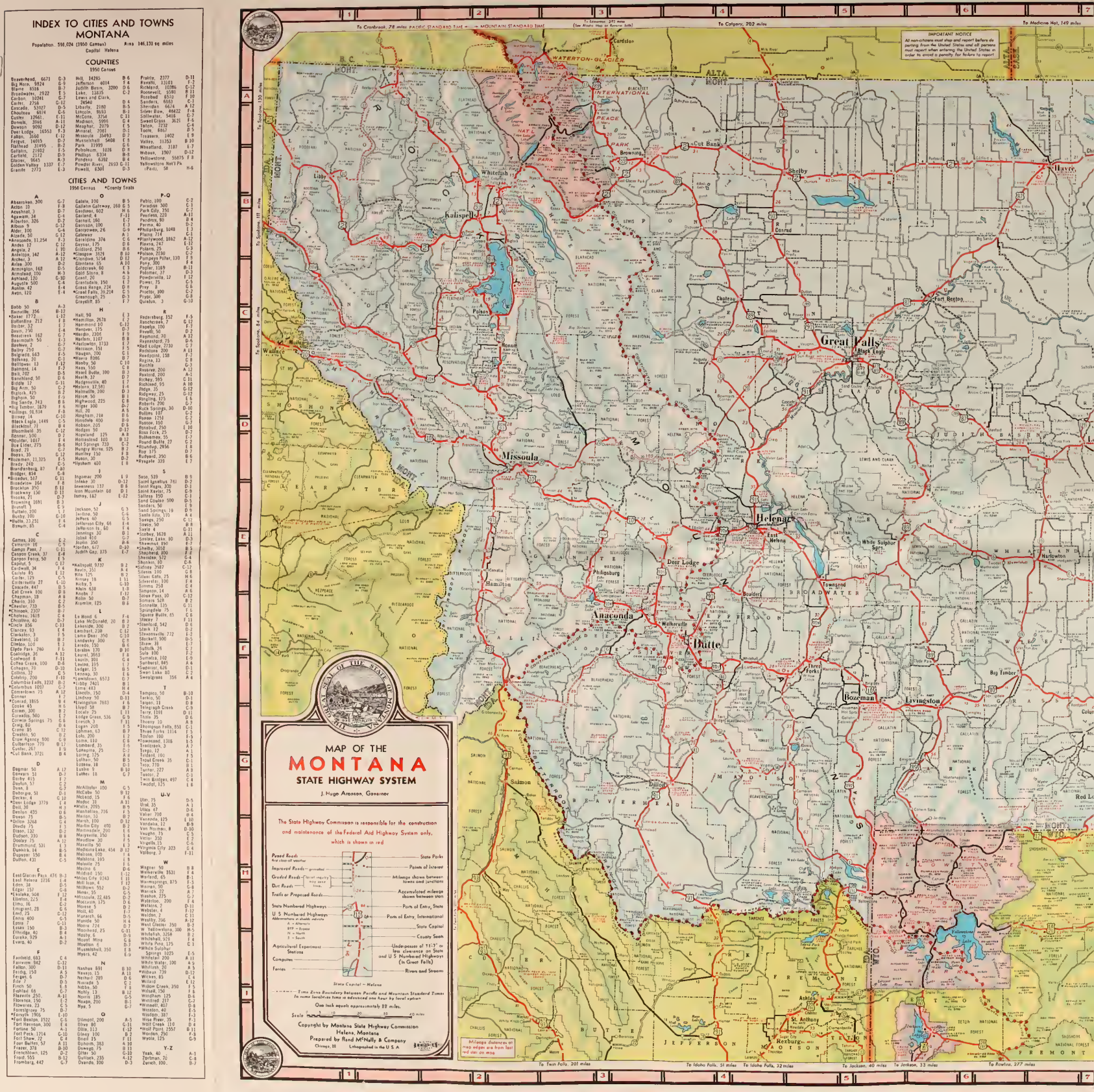

MONTANA VACATION EVENTS

May	Guided tours begin, Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park Vigilante Parade, Helena Fishing season opens Hungry Horse Dam tours begin Canadian Days Montana Institute of the Arts Festival
June	Rodeo season begins Red Lodge-Cooke City Highway to Yellowstone Park opens Going to the Sun Highway in Glacier Park opens Museum of the Plains Indians opens, Browning Indian Sun Dances and Ceremonials
July	Fair season begins Indian Ceremonials and Pow wows Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Celebration, Three Forks Rodeo season in full swing O mak sees
August	National Fresh Water Trout Derby, Livingston Festival of Nations, Red Lodge Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Celebration, Missoula Rodeo and fair season continues Indian Celebrations Square Dance Jamborees
September	Annual Jaycee Trout Derby, Great Falls Fair and Rodeo season continues Hunting season begins

A Calendar of Montana Vacation Events listing specific dates is available after May 1. Write Montana Highway Commission, Helena.

For specific fishing and hunting dates, write Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena.

MONTANA INDIANS

The Blackfeet Tribe
Blackfeet Reservation
Headquarters at Browning

The Crow Tribe
Crow Reservation
Headquarters at Crow Agency

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Reservation
Headquarters at Dixon

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
Fort Peck Reservation
Headquarters at Poplar

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Headquarters at Lame Deer

The Chippewa Cree Tribe
Rocky Boy's Reservation
Headquarters at Box Elder

The Fort Belknap Indian Community
Fort Belknap Reservation
Headquarters at Harlem

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

1. Montana speed limits: reasonable and prudent to existing conditions in the day time, 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required, except where zoned and posted for lower speeds.
   No truck shall be operated at a speed greater than 45 miles per hour.
2. Vehicles entering main highways from side road or drive must come to complete stop before entering highway and yield right-of-way to vehicles traveling main highways.
3. Vehicles must drive to right of center line at all times except when passing another car. Never pass on hills or curves. Be sure you can see far enough ahead to make a safe passing before you try to do so.

4. Proper signal must be given when passing another vehicle, changing direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway. Blow horn to warn the car ahead you are going to pass—left turn, left hand and arm extended horizontally; Right turn, left hand and arm extended upward, Stop or Slow Down, left arm extended downward.
5. Observe and obey all warning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, etc. They are placed there at considerable expense for your protection.
6. Never drive at a speed greater than that at which you can stop in the clear road visible ahead. Slow down at night or when the road is wet or icy.
7. When approaching another car from either the front or rear, dim your lights. Don't be afraid to dim first (courtesy promotes safety).
8. Slow down when approaching any child, pedestrian bicycle, livestock, parked car, or other obstruction on the highway. Be prepared for the unexpected.
9. Don't stop or park on the main traveled portion of the highway, especially on hills or curves. Pull out on the shoulder. It's safer for you and other cars.
10. Report all accidents resulting in death, personal injury or property damage of an apparent extent of $25.00 or more to the Highway Patrol.
11. Be careful. An alert, careful driver is the best insurance against all accidents.
12. **PREVENT FOREST FIRES—USE YOUR ASH TRAY.**

MONTANA ROADS OPEN FOR WINTER TRAVEL

Modern maintenance equipment enables Montana to keep all primary roads (shown in red) open during winter months except for very short periods during or immediately after a severe storm. Inquiries should be made regarding local conditions during storms. Chains and a shovel are recommended.

All main highway passes are kept open during the winter. Passes that are closed to wheel traffic for several months are

Red Lodge-Cooke City highway to Yellowstone Park on U. S. 12
From 12 miles south of Red Lodge over Beartooth plateau
Skalkaho pass on Montana 38 between Anaconda and Hamilton.
Gibbons pass on Montana 43 from 2 miles north of Wisdom to U. S. 93
Logan pass in Glacier National park Closed from approximately Oct 15 to June 1
Yellowstone National park roads subject to closure after Oct 15 except for Gardiner—Cooke City via Mammoth which remains open year round

As part of Montana's winter maintenance program, hills and curves are sanded. Reduced speeds are recommended for winter highway travel.

Montana's snow removal program is one of the finest

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

A million acres of scenic grandeur—that's Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana. In this most rugged section of the Montana Rockies are more than sixty glaciers—great never-melting snowfields—and two hundred sparkling lakes. Forests of fragrant evergreens, colorful fields of mountain wildflowers, wildlife of many varieties, miles of good fishing streams—all are part of this superb mountain park.

Going-to-the-Sun Highway, a spectacular fifty-mile drive, runs east and west through the center of the park, crossing the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Lofty peaks, sheer cliffs, crystal waterfalls, dense forests, distant glaciers, meadows of brilliant blossoms, shimmering lakes, inquisitive bears and proud mountain goats high on rocky ledges make up the changing panorama along Going-to-the-Sun.

More than a thousand miles of horseback and foot trails lead deep into untouched wilderness. Trail trips, long or short, provide the best means of seeing and enjoying the remote beauties of the park. Many of the glaciers can be visited readily by trail, and the park's best fishing is often found in the back country. (No fishing license is required.) Saddle horses are available for delightful trail trips, and riding experience is unnecessary.

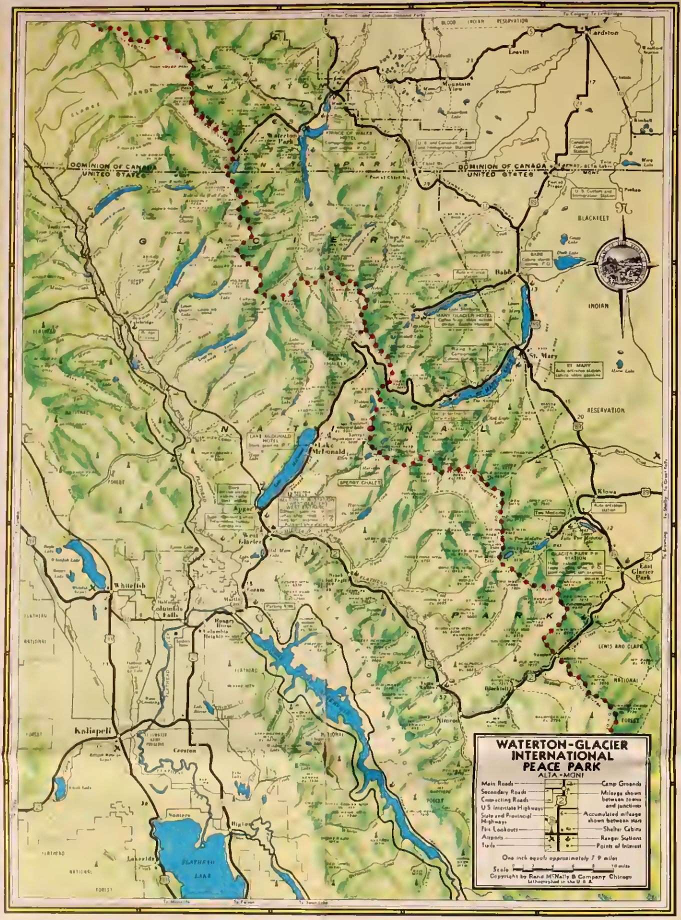
Warm, sunny days and cool, starry nights are the rule throughout the summer in Glacier National Park. Early season visitors find waterfalls at their most glorious, and mountain peaks still covered with winter snows. In the fall, deciduous trees display brilliant colors, highest peaks glisten with their first white dusting and skies deepen to a startling blue.

Going-to-the-Sun Highway, open about June 15, remains open well into October. Accommodations in the park are available from June 15 to September 10; all-year-round accommodations are conveniently located on the park's fringes.

The park, established by Congress in 1910, is the U.S. section of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park

NATIONAL FORESTS

Beaverhead National Forest 2,131,478 acres	Gallatin National Forest 1,689,320 acres
Bitterroot National Forest 1,100,550 acres	Helena National Forest 965,504 acres
Custer National Forest 1,097,230 acres	Kaniksu National Forest 447,227 acres
Deerlodge National Forest 1,134,567 acres	Kootenai National Forest 1,765,035 acres
Flathead National Forest 2,335,565 acres	Lewis and Clark National Forest 1,882,073 acres
	Lolo National Forest 2,047,300 acres



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

World-famous wonderland of spouting geysers, steaming pools, mountains and canyons, streams and lakes, forests and waterfalls, Yellowstone National Park comprises 2,221,000 acres of scenic beauty.

In the heart of dude ranch country, Yellowstone Park offers fishing, horseback riding, boating, photographing and just relaxing in the midst of magnificent scenery.

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana. The north entrance at Gardiner is reached by the historic Yellowstone River route through Paradise Valley and Yankee Jim Canyon.

Two scenic highways lead to the west entrance at West Yellowstone. Along the picturesque Gallatin River, white water foams and sparkles below towering canyon peaks. Farther west, the route along trout-famous Madison River winds through a pleasant valley, a shady evergreen forest and along blue Hebgen Lake.

The spectacular Red Lodge-Cooke City High Road to the park's northeast entrance climbs to 11,000 feet in the Beartooth Mountains. Here is some of Montana's most rugged beauty—purple canyons, white glaciers, rushing streams, sparkling lakes, fields glorious with wildflowers, views of vistas as large as all New England.

Park wildlife includes buffalo, moose, elk, deer, antelope, Big Horn sheep and—favorites of all—the grizzly and black bears. Fish found in park waters (no fishing license required) are cutthroat, rainbow, Loch Leven and brook trout.

In Yellowstone Park, which was established by Congress in 1872, accommodations are available from about May 10 to October 15; on the edges of the park, accommodations are available all year.

Map Cover Scene — Looking down on the point where the Missouri River begins, near Three Forks, Montana. Lewis and Clark discovered the headwaters in 1805, and named the three converging streams the Gallatin, Madison and Jefferson Rivers. The headwaters point is now a Montana State Park.

HISTORIC MONTANA . . .

For centuries, Montana was the home of Indians and buffalo. In 1743 the Verendryes, French fur-traders, visited Montana and became the first white men to see "the shining mountains."

In 1805–06 the Lewis and Clark Expedition explored the state, then part of the Louisiana Territory.

Next came the fur-traders. In 1807 Manuel Lisa built the first trading post in Montana at the junction of the Yellowstone and Big Horn Rivers. One of Lisa's men, John Colter, discovered the wonders of Yellowstone Park while fleeing hostile Indians.

The first permanent white settlement was St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1841 by missionaries to the Flathead Indians. Montana's first crops were planted there the next year.

Montana remained comparatively unknown until 1862 when a rich gold strike at Bannack brought in a rush of prospectors. Gold discoveries at Virginia City and Helena attracted thousands more—both honest miners and dangerous outlaws. With law and order far away, violence often prevailed until the Vigilantes banded together to dispense justice.

The era of the Montana cowboy began in 1866, when the first great herd of longhorns was trailed in from Texas to thrive upon rich grasses where once buffalo had grazed.

The growing intrusion of white men into the red men's traditional homeland, the disappearance of buffalo and failure of white men to keep their treaties resulted in the Indian wars of the '60s' and '70s'. At the Little Big Horn in 1876 the Sioux wiped out General Custer's 7th Cavalry force; a year later the surrender of Chief Joseph in the Bear Paw Mountains marked the end of major Indian battles.

The Bitter Root, official state flower, was used by Flathead Indians for food and medicine. A river, valley and mountain range in western Montana bear its name.

MONTANA STATE PARKS

Lewis and Clark Cavern, Montana's featured State Park, is the largest limestone cavern in the Northwest. Located in the heart of Montana's vacationland between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, Lewis and Clark Cavern is easy to reach and fun to explore.

Colorful stalactites, stalagmites, clusterites and flowstone, produced by a million years of natural processes, form interesting and unusual sights.

The cavern is all electrically-lighted, and is safe and comfortable to explore. An open-air jeep railroad runs up the hillside from park headquarters to near the cavern entrance, and an electric tram completes the trip.

Inside the cavern, where natural air-conditioning maintains a year-around temperature of 46°, well-constructed trails lead downhill. No climbing is necessary.

Guided tours take 90 minutes. Admission charge (including jeep railway and tram ride) is $1.00 for adults; 50c for children.

Tours operate at frequent intervals daily as follows:
May 1–June 15: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 15–Labor Day: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Labor Day–Sept. 30: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free picnicking and camping facilities are provided.

MONTANA STATE PARKS	LOCATION	Picnicking	Fishing	Swimming	Boating	Camping	Historical Site	Unusual Scenery
Lewis and Clark Cavern	18 miles east of Whitehall on U.S. 10 S	•				•		•
Flathead Lake Park	15 miles north of Polson on U.S. 93	•	•	•	•	•		
West Shore Park	20 miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93 on Flathead Lake	•	•	•	•	•		
Yellow Bay Park	20 miles north of Polson on Mont. 35 on Flathead Lake	•	•	•	•	•		
Bitterroot Lake Park	20 miles west of Kalispell and 5 miles north of U.S. 2 at Marion	•	•	•	•	•		
Maca Sica Badlands Park	3 miles south of Glendive off U.S. 10							•
Rock Creek Park	35 miles south of Fort Peck on east shore of Fort Peck Reservoir	•	•	•	•	•		
Hell Creek Park	34 miles north of Jordan off Mont. 18 on south shore of Fort Peck Reservoir	•	•	•	•	•		
Canyon Ferry Park	21 miles east of Helena off U.S. 10	•	•	•	•			
Bannack State Monument	21 miles west of Dillon off U.S. 91						•	
Missouri River Headwaters Park	3 miles east of Three Forks and 3 miles north of U.S. 10 at Trident Junction	•				•	•	•

The State Capitol at Helena, built in 1899, is faced with Montana granite and topped by a replica of the Statue of Liberty. The territory of Montana was created in 1864, with the territorial capitol at Bannack. In 1865 the capital was moved to Virginia City, and in 1875 to Helena. Montana became the 41st state in 1889.

The third largest state, Montana averages 535 miles in length and 275 miles in width. The Continental Divide runs north and south through the western section. The highest point in the state is Granite Peak, 12,850 feet; the lowest point, on the Kootenai River at the Idaho line, is 1,820 feet above sea level.

Eastern Montana is plains country; plains and isolated mountain ranges form the central section, and the western third is made up of mountains and mountain valleys.

Four major rivers course through Montana—the Missouri, Yellowstone, Kootenai and Clark's Fork of the Columbia. There are more than 1500 lakes, including Flathead Lake, largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi.

Climate varies with topography and altitude. The average annual temperature is 43.2° F., and the statewide average rainfall is 14.43 inches.

Five railroads, three bus lines and three air lines serve Montana, and 5,600 miles of paved highways cross the state.

The Western Meadowlark, designated official state bird in 1931, was the choice of Montana school children. A bright, cheerful bird, he is easily recognized by his whistling song and yellow breast. The western meadowlark is found in all parts of Montana in prairies, mountain valleys and irrigated farm lands. His diet of grasshoppers, crickets and beetles makes him a welcome farm visitor.

MONTANA FISHING

With 32,000 miles of well-stocked fishing streams, Montana's vast outdoors offers a great diversity of unexcelled sport. Four major watersheds—the Missouri, Yellowstone, Kootenai and Clark's Fork of the Columbia—and their many tributories which flow down from high mountain country give the angler a wide choice. Lakes, including those formed by huge dams at Hungry Horse and Fort Peck, number more than 1,500.

Plenty of fish are to be taken—rainbow, cutthroat, Loch Leven, mackinaw, Dolly Varden, whitefish, the rare grayling, pike, perch, bass, freshwater drum, ling and sockeye salmon.

Anglers seeking rugged adventure find fabulous fishing in remote lakes and streams high in primitive country which can be reached by pack horse. Those who prefer easily-accessible waters find no dearth of good fishing; streams are uncrowded and many are stocked with legal-size fish.

The non-resident fishing license fee is $10 for the season. A special non-resident 6-day license is $3. No license is required for children under 15, or for fishing in the waters of Yellowstone or Glacier National Parks.

BIG GAME HUNTING

Moose, elk, deer, antelope, Big Horn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, bear—even buffalo—make up Montana's big game population, which numbers more than 350,000. In eleven national forests, including eight wilderness areas, natural conditions are preserved which make for good hunting.

Throughout Montana, guides and packers are available.

Game Birds found in Montana are sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, blue grouse, Franklin's grouse, ruffed grouse, ptarmigan, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge and chukar. The non-resident bird license fee is $25.

For details on fishing streams, hunting areas, seasons and license fees, write Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana.

THE TREASURE STATE . . .

Vast lands suited to agriculture, fine native grasses, minerals, timber and water are Montana's most valuable resources.

Agriculture is the major source of income, with total products valued at about $300,000,000 annually. Ten Million acres are under cultivation, mainly in hard northern wheat with a protein content first in the nation. Other crops are barley, oats, rye, corn, mustard seed, peas, beans, flaxseed, sugar beets, cherries, apples, alfalfa seed, potatoes, sweet clover and hay.

Livestock include cattle (2,000,000, mainly Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus); sheep (1,700,000, mainly Rambouillet and Hampshires); horses, hogs, chickens and turkeys.

Once a leader in gold and silver production, Montana now produces 90% of the nation's manganese and 15% of her copper. Zinc, coal, phosphate rock, vermiculite, fluor spar, tungsten and other metals are also mined. Annual value of minerals produced is around $138,000,000. Total value of products from Butte, richest hill on earth, is more than $4,000,000,000.

Oil production is increasing constantly, as vast petroleum deposits of the famous Williston Basin and other Montana fields are tapped. The 1954 output was 14 million barrels of crude, valued at $30,000,000. Two new petroleum pipelines were built in 1954, and refinery facilities were expanded.

Lumbering is a major industry, with 21,000,000 acres in timber. Most important species are ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, western larch, fir and spruce. More than 3,000,000 Christmas trees come from Montana. The annual value of forest products is about $38,000,000.

Electric power is generated at Fort Peck, largest earthfill dam in the world; at Hungry Horse, world's fourth largest concrete dam; and at numerous dams and steam generating plants throughout the state.

Manufacturing includes flour milling, sugar beet processing, vegetable canning, copper smelting, lead refining, and production of copper and aluminum wire. Recent industrial additions are a phosphate reduction plant, an aluminum plant, a match factory and a plywood plant. Value of all manufacturing totals more than $100,000,000 annually.

The official Montana flag bears the state seal on a blue field and carries gold fringe. On the seal is the state motto, "Oro Y Plata" (Gold and Silver), mining and farming equipment with a background of trees, water and mountains. The name "Montana" comes from the Spanish word for mountain.

APPROXIMATE MILEAGE

	Anaconda	Billings	Bozeman	Butte	Glasgow	Gt. Falls	Havre	Helena	Kalispell	Lewistown	Livingston	Miles City	Missoula
Atlanta, Ga.	2167	1907	2077	2273	2049	2243	2355	2150	2387	2032	2023	1837	2267
Chicago, Ill.	1532	1200	1411	1507	1266	1442	1427	1470	1672	1335	1385	1120	1588
Dallas, Texas	1534	1271	1413	1509	1579	1507	1618	1619	1737	1600	1387	1347	1631
Denver, Colo.	838	585	737	833	903	831	943	838	1061	724	711	671	955
New Orleans, La.	2142	1879	2021	2117	2187	2118	2227	2122	2345	2008	1995	1955	2239
New York, N.Y.	2361	2098	2240	2336	2095	2271	2256	2299	2501	2164	2214	1948	2417
Salt Lake City, Utah	465	527	404	448	862	589	701	496	683	558	422	687	563
San Francisco, Calif.	1090	1273	1131	1074	1506	1233	1345	1160	1308	1287	1157	1427	1100
Seattle, Wash.	611	862	720	626	918	712	738	619	493	810	768	969	502
St. Louis, Mo.	1592	1332	1470	1570	1474	1584	1635	1575	1794	1457	1448	1242	1692
Washington, D.C.	2223	1960	2102	2194	1967	2133	2118	2181	2363	2026	2076	1811	2279
Edmonton	694	765	717	682	706	529	545	619	501	636	702	831	671
Dawson Cr.	1170	1241	1193	1158	1182	1005	1021	1097	977	1117	1178	1327	1087
White Horse	2064	2135	2087	2052	2076	1899	1915	1986	1871	2006	2072	2221	1981
Fairbanks	2687	2758	2710	2675	2699	2522	2538	2609	2494	2629	2695	2844	2614

MONTANA MILEAGE TABLE

The mileage between two points is found at the intersection of the vertical column of figures under the name of one point, and the horizontal line of figures opposite the name of the other point.

All distances are computed by way of trunk lines. Some may be materially shortened by use of secondary or county roads. Inquire locally.

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THE ALASKA HIGHWAY

The Alaska Highway, extending from Dawson Creek, B. C. to Fairbanks, Alaska, is 1,523 miles long and is kept open to traffic throughout the year. Permits to travel on the highway are not required, but arrangements for accommodations should be made in advance.

Restrictions on travel may be made on short notice at any time by highway maintenance authorities because of flood conditions or damage to bridges.

Roadside facilities, overnight accommodations, and automobile repairs and services are limited along the highway. Among centers offering the most complete overnight accommodations are Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Lower Post, Teslin, Whitehorse, Burwash Landing, and Fairbanks. Public camp-grounds are maintained at several locations in the Yukon Territory for the convenience of travelers equipped for camping and carrying their own food and supplies.

Automobiles should be in first class mechanical condition, with travelers carrying sufficient car tools, spare tires, tubes, etc., for their own needs. Assistance in matters of automotive repairs, food and shelter cannot be expected from Northwest Highway System maintenance camps.

The use of trailers and cabin trailers is permissible on the highway but heavy trailers in conjunction with passenger cars is not recommended, owing to difficulties which might be encountered on some of the longer grades.

U. S. citizens passing through Canada to Alaska do not require passports, and as a general rule will experience no difficulty or delay at the border. They should, however, possess ample means of personal identification.

MONTANA WELCOMES YOU . . .

In the Land of Shining Mountains you will find great scenic splendor and the warm, friendly spirit of the West.

We invite you to share our wealth of recreation opportunities and the natural magnificence of our mountains, forests, badlands, lakes and streams.

From our fine highways, you can enjoy many of the same wonderful sights that Lewis and Clark saw, 150 years ago.

Take time to enjoy the variety of Montana—drive carefully—and come often.

Sincerely yours,

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